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## FAILED TO SEE HIS SHADOW.

Mr. Groundhog Tried to Cavoort, But Returned to His Liar Disappointed and Disgruntled.

The groundhog didn't see his shadow in Goodland Saturday. That's certain. The sun was behind a cloud all day. So far as known, no one saw the groundhog. As a result we are to have spring in less than six weeks.

Groundhog day is an American institution. That hibernating beast belongs to us and when the litanic breath of winter drives him to his underground home for his long sleep he is not certain whether he'll see daylight again or not. Wise men who have grown old and gathered wisdom among the environments of frontier life solemnly affirm that they have watched the groundhog's hole on February 2. They all tell the same tale. The groundhog comes out and looks at the sky with the air of a planter after he has just sown a 40-acre field of wheat and is anxious for a shower. On cloudy days he goes off on a foraging expedition, but if the sun is shining he retreats to his winter quarters and then it is six weeks before garden sass can be safely left without a blanket spread over it.

## ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.

A Love Festival That Has Survived the Progress of Civilization—Was a Day in Which Brides Were Chosen.

So long as human passions hold sway over the destinies of mankind, so long will St. Valentine's day be kept. It has survived the lapse of time, change of customs, and the progress of civilization. The day is sacred to preference, the choice of sexes, the passion of love. It takes its name from St. Valentine, a presbyter or bishop of Rome, who was cruelly beaten with clubs and finally beheaded on the Elaminian way, in Rome, February 14, A. D. 270, during the reign of Emperor Marcus Aurelius Claudius. Valentine was famous for his love and charity, and was early canonized, his day coming in February (named for the Greek goddess Juno Febra), and about the same time that the Roman festival of the Lupercalia occurred, a feast observed in honor of the deities Pan and Juno.

One of the customs of this festival was that the young men drew from a box a billet inscribed with the name of a maiden in the community in which he lived, each bachelor devoting himself for a twelvemonth to the service of the lady whom chance gave him, thus becoming her liege knight, if not her lover and husband. From this custom is supposed to originate the phrase "marriage is a lottery." The priests of the early church wisely kept all the festivals they could, changing their form or engrafting them on to saints' day. So, in some fashion, the godly martyr of early days became the patron saint of the heart.

The festival was established in England, Scotland and France about the 15th century, and our good ancestors in Merrie England were delighted with it. Court and hovel alike honored the day with glee and merriment. It was formerly the custom of the young people on the occasion of this festival to decorate themselves with flowers, wreaths and true love knots, and go in procession from house to house in the morning, singing such a ditty as:

"Good morning to you, Valentine,  
Your looks as I do mine—  
Two before and three behind—  
Good morning to you, Valentine."  
Who does not remember Ophelia's song:

"To-morrow is St. Valentine's day,  
And all the morning betime,  
And I'll maid at your window  
To woe for you, Valentine."

Small Fox Patient Has Special Car.

A man by name of Sam Hiner, from Denver, occupies a chair car in the depot, and is afflicted with smallpox. Mr. Hiner was a passenger on train 6 Sunday morning, and together with other passengers occupied this chair car. Health Officer Fisher was notified upon the arrival of the train. All the passengers were thoroughly fumigated and six of them vaccinated. The car was set out here and the patient quarantined therein. A. W. Vears, who had this disease two years ago, has been employed to take meals to and attend to the wants of the afflicted man. Mr. Hiner says that he "broke out" three days before arriving here, but that the Denver physicians pronounced his disease something besides smallpox, and he had started for Hot Springs, Ark., to receive treatment. We have heard of fellows going to Hot Springs for relief from afflictions, but this is the first instance on record where a smallpox patient has been known to head for there to be cured. Mr. Hiner will receive every attention possible while in the "pest house," and as he has passed through the worst stages of the disease he will probably be allowed to proceed upon his way in about two weeks. The case is now on in Phillipsburg in earnest. —Phillipsburg News.

## G. F. HODGKINSON IS DEAD.

The End Came Sunday Evening After a Long and Painful Illness—Was Born in England 72 Years Ago.

G. F. Hodgkinson, a well known citizen of Goodland, died Sunday evening at seven o'clock of dropsy. Mr. Hodgkinson suffered a severe attack of the malady about two years ago, but partly recovered and was in good health apparently until stricken with the last attack. His last illness was long and painful and his death was not unexpected. He would have been 72 years of age in March.

Mr. Hodgkinson was born in Nottingham, England, in 1829, and came to America with his parents when he was 11 years of age. He has been a citizen of Sherman county since 1886, coming here from Polk county, Neb. He lived on a farm south of town for a long time, but of late years he made Goodland his home, being engaged in the coal and feed business.

He leaves a widow, four sons and two daughters. Two sons, Fred and Clark Hodgkinson, of Goodland, and Mrs. Lou Richmond and Mrs. Clara Downer, daughters of the deceased, both of Polk county, Neb., were in attendance at the funeral. The oldest son, Frank Hodgkinson, lives in El Reno, Ok., and A. C. Hodgkinson another son, lives in Glenwood, Ia.

The funeral was held at the late home Monday afternoon, the services being by Rev. J. E. Stevens and burial was made in the Goodland cemetery.

## DEATH COMES TO W. M. WEBB.

Illness Which Resulted Fatally Contracted While Attending His Mother's Funeral.

W. M. Webb, a farmer living near Ruleton, died Tuesday morning about eight o'clock of la grippe. His mother was buried January 17, and he attended her funeral. Mr. Webb had just recovered from an attack of the la grippe and the day his mother was buried he took a relapse and after about two weeks of illness passed away. He was a single man and was about 40 years of age.

George Webb, of Lincoln, Neb., a brother, and Mrs. Maggie Hutchinson, a sister, of Jewell county, Kan., were with him, having remained here since their mother's death. Thus in about two weeks the aged mother was laid to rest and the devoted son, who had made a home for his widowed mother for many years, followed her.

The funeral was held from the home Wednesday and interment was made in the Goodland cemetery.

## Death of Thomas Knight.

Thomas Knight, Sr., formerly of this county and father of John J. Knight and Mrs. H. Sherrod, died at the home of his son-in-law, E. M. Portner, at Colorado Springs, Col., January 30. He was ill several weeks and diabetes is given as the cause of his death. He was buried at Colorado Springs last Friday.

Thomas Knight, Sr., was born years ago in Herefordshire, England. Twenty years ago he emigrated to this country and settled in Wisconsin. In the spring of 1885 he came to Sherman county and made his home here until a little over a year ago, when he took up his residence at Colorado Springs. Two sons and three daughters survive him.

## Thomas F. Egan Is No More.

Thomas F. Egan, of St. Francis, well known in Goodland and throughout western Kansas, died at that place Saturday after a lingering illness. Death is attributed to cancer of the liver.

Mr. Egan was until recently county attorney of his county, Cheyenne, and was a prominent democrat of this section. He was a candidate of his party for state senator a number of years ago.

## Dies in Missouri.

Thomas Kier, who formerly resided near Ruleton, died recently at his home in Albany, Mo., of typhoid fever. He left Sherman county the fall of 1896 and removed to Missouri. He was at one time democratic candidate for county treasurer but was unsuccessful.

## Death by Bright's Disease.

Edwin Ackley, a farmer living in Grant township, died Sunday night at his home of Bright's disease and la grippe. He was about 40 years of age.

## Two Policemen.

J. M. Jewell and L. F. Cooper are acting as policemen. Their duties are to keep Nortonites, persons from Sharon Springs and other places where smallpox exists, out of Goodland. They meet all the trains and it is impossible for any one from those places to get nearer town than the depot. All tramps that arrive are ordered to leave post haste and by this method it is to be hoped to keep the disease away from here. Jewell and Cooper report that nearly all the traveling men say they come from Colby, the knights of the grip denying having been in Norton since the quarantine was ordered.

## COMMENDS MRS. NATION.

A Goodland Pastor Praises Her Hatched Crusade Against the Demon Rum.

The congregation at the Methodist church last Sunday was small but those who had braved the storm were treated to a frank, independent discussion of one of the leading topics of the times.

Rev. Woodward, in the course of outward and inward Christianity, touched on the crusade of Mrs. Nation and came boldly forward in defense of her methods. The pastor said, among other things, that he regretted that a pastor of the church to which Mrs. Nation belongs had publicly stated that he was sorry to own her as a member of his church, saying that she was a disgrace to the cause of temperance and a disgrace to womanhood.

To this Rev. Woodward took exception and made a spirited defense of the maligned reformer. He said that if the minister of her church was ashamed of her he heartily wished she would come to Goodland where he would invite her into the Methodist Episcopal church and bestow upon her all the honors and dignities at his command. He said she was an honor to any church and was creating a sentiment for the cause of temperance, and as to her not being womanly, he thought it very like a woman to be brave in the defense of home against an influence that would crush and ruin it. Nor was she violating any law. It was rather the men against whom her efforts are directed who are the law-breakers, the pirates whose dark traffic enslaves man and blasts virtue. He said he hoped she would be arrested in order that it might be clearly demonstrated that under the laws of Kansas she could not be held on any charge of law-breaking since she had merely attacked an unlicensed evil—out from under the protection of the law.

Rev. Woodward closed by saying: "I believe that Mrs. Nation is a Christian woman and is striving to do something to help uplift humanity. She is living for others and showing by her outward life her inward love of Christ. I am glad to see her work go on for I believe she is creating sentiment against intemperance, and I say, God bless Mrs. Nation."

## The Kansas Hen.

We have read of Maud on a summer day who raked, barefooted the new-mown hay; we have read of the maid in the early morn who milked the cow with the crumpled horn; and we've read of the lays that the poets sing, of the rustling corn and the flowers of spring; but of all the lays of tongue or pen, there's naught like the lays of the Kansas hen. Long, long before Maud rakes her hay, the Kansas hen began to lay, and e're the milkmaid stirs a peg, the hen is up and has dropped her egg; the corn may rustle and flowers spring if they hold their own with the barn-yard ring. If Maud is needing a hat or gown, she doesn't hustle her hay to town, but goes to the store and obtains her suit with a basket full of her fresh hen fruit; if the milkmaid's beam makes a Sunday call, she doesn't feed him on milk at all, but works up eggs in a custard pie and stuffs him full of chicken fry; and when the old man wants a horn, does he take the druggist a load of corn? Not much! He simply robs a nest, and to town he goes—you know the rest. He hangs around with the cliques and rings and talks of politics and things, while his poor wife stays at home and scowls, and is saved from want by these self-same fowls; for, while her husband lingers there, she watches the cackling hens with care, and gathers eggs, and the eggs she'll hide till she saves enough to stem the tide. Then bail, all hail to the Kansas hen, the greatest blessing of all to men! Throw up your hats and emit a howl for the persevering barn-yard fowl! Corn may be king, but it's plainly seen that the Kansas hen is the Kansas queen.

## —A. A. Rowley in Topeka Mail and Breeze.

The elections committee of the senate will not give out their decision on the contest cases of Ross-Findlay or Hopkins-Bashow, but it is reported that the committee has arrived at a decision, and that it will allow Ross to retain his seat and will give Hopkins' seat to Bashow.

## Palmer-Ackelson.

Alfred Palmer, of Sherman county, was married January 28 at Burlington, Col., to Miss Hattie Ackelson, of Arapahoe county, Col.

## Church Announcements.

Archdeacon Albert Watkins will hold services in the Episcopal church, Sunday, February 10. Services at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Everyone cordially invited.

## V. E. Ridenour, singing evangelist,

will be here Sunday to conduct the music at Christian church revival.

## LOST IN THE STORM.

Joe Rouse, a Cattleman, Wanders on the Plains for Miles—Horse Played Out and He Was Compelled to Walk.

Joe Rouse, a cowboy employed on the Finch ranch in Colorado, arrived here on the evening train Wednesday and tells a very interesting story about being lost on the Colorado plains in the recent storm.

His account of the affair is about as follows: The Sheldon Bros., cattle buyers of Kansas City, bought 110 head of stock of the Finch ranch and started to drive them across the country to Goodland for shipment east. On Tuesday the storm was severe and the drovers lost their bearings in the blinding storm. After drifting about they struck the Peterson place, watered their stock at the windmill tank and then ran them into a draw where Mr. Peterson had a stack of hay, to feed them. When they came to count the bunch it was found that they were nine head short.

Rouse volunteered to go back and find the cattle. Some ten miles back he found the stock and attempted to overtake the drove. The cattle were tired and he found it very difficult to control them alone in the storm. His pony showed signs of playing out; so coming upon some old straw stacks he decided to abandon them there. Accordingly, he unsaddled the pony and placed his traps and saddle on the top of the stack, and struck out on foot.

Being acquainted with the lay of the land, he knew that the draws in that part of the country trended from northwest to southeast, and by following one of these he would strike the Rock Island railroad. Little difficulty was experienced in finding one of the dry creek beds and determining which way it flowed. After making, he thinks, about 40 miles in following the windings of a sandy draw he struck Vona station, 50 miles west of Goodland, just before the east-bound passenger train pulled in.

Boarding the train he arrived in Goodland as before stated. The main drove arrived here at about 2 a. m. Thursday and are being fed preparatory to shipment. Sheldon Bros. found no fault with the cowboy as to the disposition of the missing cattle, and only asked him if he needed any money. Joe came to town, took something warm and got shaved.

## RAILROAD SPIKES.

Engineer Tom Kelly is back from the Denver run.

Henry Yantis left Sunday morning for a visit in Illinois.

Charles Snell, of the round house force, has been made a fireman.

Brakeman J. F. Dayton was confined to his room by illness this week.

Ben Mills and family have gone for a visit to their old home in Tiskilwa, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. George Buck have taken their son, Willie, to Pueblo for medical treatment.

Engineer Daly and Fireman Dinley were down from the Denver run this week for repairs for their engine.

Superintendent Smith was here the first day of the week superintending the running of trains during the storm.

The recent snow blockade to trains was between Topeka and Belleville. The deep snow extended as far west as Norton.

W. R. Morton returned from Pueblo Sunday where he had been taking mineral baths, feeling very much improved in health.

Eugene J. W. Pack was delegate from the B. of L. E. to the annual meeting of the State Society of Labor, held in Topeka this week.

Conductor J. W. Usher was in Topeka this week as delegate from the local lodge of Brotherhood of Railway Men, who are in Topeka this week to attend the annual convention of the State Society of Labor as delegate from the Goodland lodge.

The Rock Island has dispensed with the office of operator at this point, the business not being sufficient to justify the expense. B. B. Westcott will be sent elsewhere on the line where his services are needed. The operator's work will be handled by the train dispatchers.

Rock Island gross earnings for the nine months ending December 31 last showed a marked increase as compared to those of the corresponding period in 1899. They amounted to \$1,933,936. The operating expenses figured up \$13,055,532, an increase of \$1,614,792. The surplus, \$3,991,230, showed a gain of \$449,022.

Engineer Jim Boyle and Fireman Jeff Powers with engine 207 brought the Colorado flyer from Phillipsburg to Goodland in two hours and forty minutes the other morning. The distance is 140 miles, making an average of 62 1/2 miles per hour. The time given includes all stops and breaks the record on this piece of track. It would be well if some eastern railroad men would take note of fast runs made on western roads, as one often sees in railroad publications of this good time and judgment shown by engineers on the roads of the east, notwithstanding that they have double track, which gives much in their favor.

## TOUCH OF WINTER.

Heavy Snow Fall Accompanied by Zero Weather—No Signs of Moderating Last Night.

The heaviest snow of the winter covers the prairies and the temperature has been hovering at the zero point for several days.

Snow began falling Saturday night and has continued to fall at intervals for the greater part of the week. The storm has been general throughout the state and a number of trains have been delayed. The passenger trains from the east due, respectively, at 1:15 a. m. and 5:25 a. m., did not arrive Monday until about two o'clock in the afternoon. One was delayed in central Kansas and the other was tied up at Phillipsburg. The snow plow was sent east from Goodland Sunday but owing to the heavy fall of snow and the stiff wind blowing, the cuts were filled again nearly as fast as they were cleared.

There was only a slight delay to the east-bound trains Monday up to this point, as the blockade on this division was between Almena and Phillipsburg, and on the east and the trouble was between Topeka and Belleville.

Cattle usually rustling on the prairie and in stubble fields have suspended business, and fortunate is the stock man who has sufficient shelter and plenty of feed for his stock. The ground hog did not see his shadow out here, be sure, but he did in other localities where he holeth, and Sherman county must have been under a big cloud.

## PERSONAL NOTES.

Mrs. A. G. Kanitz has returned from a visit in Allendale, Mo.

Jerry Lyons, of St. Francis, was in town Friday and Saturday.

William Kubit has gone to Topeka to receive medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bower left Wednesday evening for a visit to Topeka.

William Walker, Jr., left Wednesday evening for Topeka. He will return to day.

Mrs. J. Wickersham left Tuesday morning for a visit with relatives in Rock Island, Ill.

Miss Hattie Wickam, of Nordatur, Kan., a dressmaker, has located in Goodland.

Miss Iva Smith has returned to her home in Phillipsburg after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jupe.

Miss Mollie Parrott left for her home in Colby Tuesday evening after a visit with Rev. and Mrs. Stevens.

Miss Birdie Luther will remain in Denver and fill the position of saleslady in Comer's drug store.

The Raines brothers, of Wallace county, are doing the plastering on the addition to Pat Cullins' building.

H. M. Heston went to Topeka last week and also made a trip to Missouri to visit relatives. He returned Wednesday of this week.

Wesley Coleman, who suffered a stroke of paralysis a few months ago, is steadily improving and sets up most of the time each day.

Mrs. William Walker went to Topeka Monday night to attend the state convention of Royal Neighbors. She was a delegate from the local lodge.

Louis Kiggins returned from a visit to Cambridge, Neb., Wednesday and brought two of his sons with him. He will go into the cattle business on the Smoky.

Mrs. G. R. Brown, wife of Dr. Brown, arrived here from Kansas City Saturday. They will occupy rooms in the Ennis building, where the doctor has his office.

J. W. Millisack, of Agency City, Ia., father of C. M. Millisack, arrived in Goodland Monday for a visit with his son. He is on his way home after several weeks' trip in California.

Mrs. Fry and grandchildren were passengers in the coach Sunday morning in which the case of smallpox was discovered. They continued their journey to Minneapolis after going through a fumigating.

Mrs. S. G. Fry and grandchildren, Miss Georgia Day and Master Burnham Day, left Sunday morning for Minneapolis, Minn., accompanied by J. Farley, a relative of Mrs. Fry's. They will make their home in Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Gerber, of Denver, are in the city seeking a business location. Mrs. Gerber is a doctor and Mr. Gerber is an optician. Mrs. Gerber was formerly Mrs. Devere and was once a resident of Goodland, owning a house in the Caldwell addition.

Fred Glover, of McDonald, Kan., general agent for the Siegel-Sanders Livestock company, was in Goodland Sunday. He was on his return from Wray, Col. He was accompanied by Z. Tindall, also in the employ of the company as general foreman. They spent a couple of days in Goodland, being held here on account of the stormy weather.

## Lodge Meeting.

Regular meeting of the Royal Neighbors next Wednesday afternoon, February 13. All members requested to be present.

## Special Ribbon Prices.

Pursuant to the purchase of over 25 bolts of all silk, satin and gro-grain and taffeta ribbon, in all colors, we will put on sale next week at special price of 25 per cent below actual worth.

## C. M. MILLISACK.

For trunks, suitcases, telescopes, a big assortment at the Wizard's.

## STOLE A HAND-CAR.

Young Colored Tramp, Tired of Walking, Appropriated a Railroad Velocipede for His Conveyance.

Frank Bush, a young colored tramp, claiming Hiawatha, Kan., as his home, grew tired of walking last Friday and so made a change in his transportation facilities by pumping himself over the rails with the aid of an easy-running railroad velocipede. Young Bush is neither walking nor riding to-day but is waiting—not for the next train but for the next term of court—when he will answer to the charge of burglary and larceny. His waiting room is the county jail.

Last Friday the colored boy came to the conclusion that walking was good only for persons needing the exercise. In the Edison depot his eyes fell upon a three-wheeled velocipede that is used by the trackmen in going over their section, and a happy thought at once entered his mind. If he only had the little car he figured that his transportation troubles would be at an end and how he would spin over the steel rails! To get the car Bush was compelled to break into the depot and he finally got the machine on the rails and started on his long ride to Hiawatha—across the state of Kansas. He got as far as Brewster when a section man put an obstruction on the track which dethroned the colored lad's special.

The section men attempted to capture the boy but he gave them the hot foot and escaped. Saturday morning, however, he walked into Brewster and gave himself up. In the meantime a constable from Edison was in search of the car thief and he found him at Brewster. He was taken back to Edison and arraigned before a justice, but that officer was at a loss what to charge the prisoner with, so the constable brought him to Goodland and turned him over to the sheriff.

Monday Bush was taken before Justice Cuthbertson where a charge of burglary and larceny was lodged against him. He was bound over to the April term of district court and placed in the county jail.

The boy is 15 years of age. He will probably be sent to the reform school.

## The Conductor's Ball.

The first annual ball of Division 276, Order of Railway Conductors, will take place next Thursday night at the Goodland opera house. The conductors have obtained part of the decorations used for the "century" ball at Topeka and the work of decorating the hall will commence in a few days. No pains will be spared to make the ball a great success and a large attendance will surely be the result. The wives of the conductors will serve luncheon on the stage throughout the evening, and the music that will be furnished for the dancers will be the best. The conductors secured a half rate for visitors that will come from other towns. Phillipsburg, Colby and Burlington are expected to send quite large delegations, but there will be none from Norton as the smallpox quarantine against that place is in operation. Railroad men connected with the road in Colorado Springs and Denver will also be guests of the conductors.

## The committees are:

Committee on Arrangements—W. C. Tyler, E. H. Young, W. Stephens. Reception Committee—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Henshaw, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ansauer, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Buck, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Denney, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kintz, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Usher, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Young, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Randall, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lush, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Waters, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wickersham, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bursby, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. McCain, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wheat, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Schaeffer, Mr. T. J. Edwards, Mr. William Rich, Mr. George Copley, Mr. S. R. Goode, Mr. S. R. Devere, Mr. S. R. Goode, Mr. George Copley, Mr. J. W. Usher, Mr. H. E. Wheat, Mr. C. D. McDonald.

Machinist Ben Joseph is laying off owing to sickness.

W. R. Morton was a business visitor at Denver Wednesday.

Conductor Denney and crew backed snow between here and Goodland last Sunday. They managed to put up with Trainmaster Boyle as one of the party. —Phillipsburg News.

The annual examination of the Rock Island employees at this point is progressing steadily. The board have examined 45 men and there are still 155 to be examined. After the train men, engineers, firemen and others are examined, Dispatcher Young will go out on the line of this division to examine operators and station men. So far as learned the men are well up in their work and none have failed to pass. It was to be expected, for not only have they had constant drill, but they have "booked up" recently.

## Important to Travelers.

Commencing January 1 the eating houses and lunch counters of the Rock Island Route, west of the Missouri river, will be under the direct charge of the dining car department and will be operated on same lines that have given the Rock Island dining cars their excellent reputation throughout the west.

## Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold.

Luxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price 25c.